

EXPRESSING MOVEMENT

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| Main theme addressed | In this lesson, you will learn about the rules you have to follow when expressing the movement. |
| Key Goals | Here is an outline of what you will learn today: 1. Prepositions of movement |

- When expressing movement in English, we use different prepositions of movement. They express **movement from one place to another place**.
- The most common preposition of movement is the **preposition 'to'** - it describes movement in the direction of something.

Examples:

I travelled to Spain last month.

Are you coming to my birthday party?

Did you go to the dentist yesterday?

1. Prepositions of movement

| PREPOSITION | DEFINITION | EXAMPLE |
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| ACROSS | movement from one side to the other side | It was impossible to get across the street. |
| AROUND | passing something in a curved route | There was a road construction, so we had to pass around that street to get to work. |
| AWAY FROM | distancing from where a movement begins | They slowly moved away from the bomb. |
| DOWN | movement from a higher point to a lower point | We went down the hill to get to his house. |
| FROM | indicating the point where a movement begins | We started our trip from Paris. |
| INTO | movement to an enclosed space | He drove straight into pile of wood. |
| OFF | movement away from something | The glass fell off the table and broke. |
| ON TO / ONTO | movement to the top surface of something | He climbed onto the terrace of the building. |
| OUT OF | indicating the enclosed space where a movement begins | We went out of the office to get some fresh air. |

| PREPOSITION | DEFINITION | EXAMPLE |
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| OVER | movement above and across the top or top surface of something | The birds flew over the tree and crashed into the house. |
| PAST | movement from one side to the other side of something | Just go past these buildings and you will find the bank at the end of the street. |
| TO | movement in the direction of something | I drive to work by car every day. |
| THROUGH | movement in one side and out of the other side of something | He had to go through the tunnel to escape. |
| TOWARDS | movement in the direction of something | When we were walking towards the building, it collapsed. |
| UNDER | movement below something | The tunnel went under the house so you could not see it from outside. |
| UP | movement from a lower point to a higher point | We went up the hill and soon we reached the top. |

Exercise:

Fill in the sentences with a suitable preposition of movement.

1. The man fell _____ the cliff and killed himself.
2. Move _____ _____ the tree! It is going to fall.
3. The basement is _____ the living room, so it is very cold and dark.
4. He went _____ Madrid by plane.

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<https://www.englishclub.com/vocabulary/prepositions-movement-quiz.php>

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